

PRIORITY DETERMINATION FOR ENHANCEMENTS OF EP REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE

The following procedure was used to calculate and rank an issue's priority. The staff based the enhancement priorities upon two groups of goals and factors (see Tables 1 and 2, of this enclosure).

It designated the first group as "primary" goals of emergency preparedness (EP), reactor safety and physical security. The second group was designated "secondary" goals and incorporated the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) strategic goals of openness, effectiveness, and management. The staff also took into account a number of factors including agency interest, potential stakeholder impact, and predictability. This enclosure reflects the judgement of the staff regarding the prioritization of the proposed enhancements to the EP regulations and guidance.

- 1) For each issue choose a primary goal and a secondary goal from the Table 1, then assign the ranking points for each affected area (i.e., in terms of high, medium, and low).
- 2) Next, evaluate how the issue could be affected by the factors listed in Table 2, and, again, assign the ranking points for each affected area (i.e., in terms of high, medium, and low).
- 3) To calculate the issue's final value, or it's priority, start with the value selected from the primary goal. Add that to the value assigned to the selected secondary goal. Finally, add the value which was selected from the factors, with their assigned ranking values.

The sum of all derived values will determine an issue's priority, as noted in the tables in Enclosure 2.

Table 1

EP Regulations and Guidance Enhancement Priorities						
	Primary Goal			Secondary Goal		
	EP	Interface with Safety	Interface with Security	Openness	Effectiveness	Management
High	30	30	30	8	8	8
Medium	20	20	20	4	4	4
Low	10	10	10	2	2	2
<u>High</u> : Significant enhancements to EP regulations and guidance/meet strategic goals						
<u>Medium</u> : Moderate enhancements to EP regulations and guidance/meet strategic goals						
<u>Low</u> : May enhance EP regulations and guidance/meet strategic goals						

Table 2

EP Regulations and Guidance Enhancement Priorities			
	Factors		
	Predictability	Stakeholder Impact	Agency Interest
High	8	-8	15
Medium	4	-4	0
Low	2	0	0
<u>High</u> : Easy to implement, significant impact on stakeholders			
<u>Medium</u> : Challenges to implement, some impact on stakeholders.			
<u>Low</u> : Not easy to implement, no impact on stakeholders.			

The following example will illustrate a typical calculation. Select an EP-related issue, such as 10 CFR 50.54(q) (i.e., decrease in effectiveness of emergency plans):

PRIMARY/SECONDARY GOALS:

- Primary Goal - EP (30)
- Secondary Goal - Effectiveness (8)

FACTORS:

- Predictability (4)
- Stakeholder Impact(-4)
- Agency Interest (0)

TOTAL SCORE: 38 (a High priority level)